

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-25. (Cancelled).

26. (Original) A packing machine comprising a frame (33) having a front wall; a series of operating devices (2, 4, 8, 149) supported by the frame (33) and located on the front wall of the frame (33); and a crane supported by the frame (33) and for facilitating removal/assembly of the operating devices (2, 4, 8); the packing machine (1) being characterized in that first operating devices (149) are fitted to the frame (33) to move between a work position, in which the first operating devices (149) are located on the front wall of the frame (33) and in front of the crane, and a maintenance position in which the first operating devices permit free access to the crane from the front wall.

27. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as claimed in Claim 26 of claim 26~~, wherein said crane comprises a horizontal guide (148), and an arm running along the guide (148).

28. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as claimed in Claim 26 of claim 27~~, wherein said arm is movable between a rest position, in which the arm is substantially parallel to said guide (148), and a work position in which the arm is crosswise to the guide (148).

29. (Currently amended) A The machine as
~~elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 28~~, wherein said frame
(33) comprises at least one beam (145) rigidly sup-
porting said first operating devices (149) and movable
with respect to the frame (33) to move the first oper-
ating devices (149) between said work position and said
maintenance position.

30. ((Currently amended) A The machine as
~~elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 29~~, and comprising a pro-
tective casing (101) supported by the frame (33) and
for housing the operating devices (2, 4, 8, 149); the
protective casing (101) comprising a panel (111) sup-
ported by said beam (145).

31. (Currently amended) A The machine as
~~elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 30~~, wherein said panel
(111) is movable between an open position and a closed
position by means of a first actuating device supported
by said beam (145).

32. (Currently amended) A The machine as
~~elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 30~~, wherein said beam
(145) is hinged to said frame (33) to oscillate, with
respect to the frame (33), about a horizontal axis
(146) by means of a second actuating device.

33. (Original) A packing machine comprising a frame (33) having a front wall; a series of operating devices (2, 4, 8, 149) supported by the frame (33) and located on the front wall of the frame (33); and a user interface unit (122) having a box (123), and a monitor (125) housed in the box (123); the packing machine (1) being characterized by comprising a tubular body (124) supporting said box (123) at one end and hinged, at the other end, to the base of said frame (33) to rotate about a vertical axis (129).

34. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as claimed in Claim 26 of claim 33~~, and comprising connecting cables for connecting said box (123) to said frame (33); the connecting cables being housed in said tubular body (124).

35. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as claimed in Claim 26 of claim 34~~, wherein said tubular body comprises a substantially vertical portion (127) supporting said box (123); and a horizontal portion hinged to the base of said frame (33).

36. (Original) A packing machine comprising a frame (33) having a front wall; and a series of operating devices (2, 4, 8, 149) supported by the frame (33) and located on the front wall of the frame (33); the packing machine (1) being characterized by comprising a display (132), which is supported by said frame (33), at said front wall, and is relatively large so as to display writing readable from a distance of at least 20 meters.

37. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as
elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 36~~, wherein said display
(132) comprises a matrix of red LEDs.

38. (Currently amended) A The machine ~~as
elaimed in Claim 26 of claim 37~~, and comprising a pro-
tective casing (101) supported by the frame (33) and
housing the operating devices (2, 4, 8, 149); the pro-
tective casing (101) comprising a substantially trans-
parent panel (111) covering said display (132).

39. (Original) A cigarette packing machine
comprising a straight conveyor (150) for feeding
packets (151) of cigarettes in a feed direction (162);
and a control station (152) located along said conveyor
(150) and comprising a television camera (157) and two
mirrors (159); the packing machine (1) being character-
ized in that said television camera (157) is mounted
with its optical axis (160) perpendicular to a front
wall (161) of a packet (151) of cigarettes at the con-
trol station (152); and said two mirrors (159) are
located on opposite sides of said conveyor (150) to
reflect to the television camera (157) a complete view
of the lateral walls (164) of the packet (151) of
cigarettes, a complete view of the edges (165) between
the lateral walls (164) and a rear wall (166), and a
view of two end portions of the rear wall (166) not
resting on the conveyor (150).

40.-42. (Cancelled).